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SUBJECT: UNIDO-IDB-IX CONVERSION OF UNIDO INTO A SPECIALIZED AGENCY

REF: A. LIMA 2471; B. STATE 63558

1. AS DEPT. AWARE, ATTEMPT ON PART OF SOME GROUB B COUNTRIES (INCLUDING US) AT UNIDO-II TO TRADE OFF "NON-OPPOSITION" ON CONVERTING UNIDO INTO SPECIALIZED AGENCY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AGAINST SOME FORM OF MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION ON DISPUTED SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION FAILED. SINCE MANY GROUP B COUNTRIES IN ANY CASE NOT INCLINED OPPOSE G-77 ON THESE INTIUTIONAL POINTS AND GIVEN CHARGED ATMOSPHERE DURING LAST FRANTIC HOURS OF THE CONFERENCE, GROUP B REPS ACQUIESCED IN REMOVAL OF BRACKETS WHICH GROUP B HAD MAINTAINED AGAINST RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS (PARA 69, 72 AND 73 OF ID/CONF.3/30). NO

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DELEGATION CALLED FOR SEPARATE VOTE ON THEM DURING

FINAL UNIDO PLENARY. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, THE US AND CERTAIN OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES AND GROUP D COUNTRIES EXCEPT ROMANIA ENTERED WRITTEN RESERVATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SPECIALIZED AGENCY PARAGRAPH.

2. THERE IS APPARENTLY GREAT INTEREST IN G-77 AND IN UNIDO SECRETARIAT AS TO PRECISE MEANING OF US RESERVATION OF PARA 69. WE MAY BE FACED AT IDB-IX EITHER IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONA AND DURING IDB CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOW-UP OF LIMA CONFERENCE WITH ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION. WE FEEL, THEREFORE, THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR USE DEL TO BE PREPARED TO RESPOND AS APPROPRIATE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: AS INDICATED IN THE US STATEMENT OF RESERVATIONS ON THE LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION, HAD A SEPARATE VOTE BEEN TAKEN ON PARA 69, THE US DEL WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED. ON THE ONE HAND, AS WE STATED AT LIMA, WE ARE NOT CONVINCED OF THE WISDOM OF MOVING TO CONVERT UNIDO INTO A SPECIALIZED AGENCY; AT THE SAME TIME WE DO NOT WISH ACTIVELY TO OPPOSE THE THE DESIRE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO DO SO. AS THE US DEL NOTED AT LIMA DURING COMMITTEE II DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT, ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIDO AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY MEANS THAT EACH COUNTRY DESIRING TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF UNIDO WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE UP MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION DE NOVO THROUGH REATIFICATION OF ITS STATUTES. FOR THE US THIS WILL REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION FOLLOWING ON SUBMISSION OF THE STATUTES TO THE CONGRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. THE EVENTUAL ATTITUDE OF THE US GOVERNMENT IN THIS QUESTION WILL OBVIOUSLY DEPEND ON THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE STATUES THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE. IT WILL ALSO DEPEND AS IMPORTANTLY ON OTHER INDICATIONS OF THE FUTURE OREINTATION OF UNIDO AND ITS POTENTIAL AS AN EFFECIVE ORGANIZATION, BOTH IN TERMS OF STAFFING AND SIMILAR RELEVANT INDICATORS. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, IT WAS DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO ENTER A RESERVATION ON THE PARAGRAPH IN QUESTION.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S CONCURRENCE ON ABOVE LINE FOR USE AS APPROPRIATE BY US DEL AT IDB-IX.

WE FEEL THAT ONLY SO LONG AS WE MAKE CLEAR THAT US MEMBERSHIP IN A RECONSTITUTED UNIDO IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED WILL US VIEWS ON DRAFT STATUTES, FUTURE STAFFING OF UNIDO AND

RELATED MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO US BE GIVEN SERIOUS
ATTENTION BY G-77 AND SECRETARIAT.

4. CONVERSATIONS WITH UNIDO SECRETARIAT MEMBERS,
ESPECIALLY AFIFI, SINCE OUR RETURN FROM LIMA HAVE
MADE IT PLAIN THAT SECRETARIAT BOTH IN VIENNA AND
NEW YORK HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO MOVE QUICKLY TO OBTAIN
APPROVAL OF DRAFT UNDIO STATUTES BY 7TH SPECIAL GA,
AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO REMAND
THEM TO GOVERNMENTS FOR RATIFICATION AS EARLY AS
POSSIBLE. WE BELIEVE OUR EXPOSITIONS TO AFIFI OF VARIOUS PROBLEMS
SUCH "HURRY-UP" PROCEDURES COULD CAUSE AND NEED FOR
GOVERNMENTS TO BE GIVEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY
NOT ONLY SYG'S DRAFT BUT AMENDMENTS THERETO THAT MIGHT
BE PROPOSED BY GOVERNMENTS IS LEADING HIM TO THINK
FURTHER ABOUT THIS. IN THE MEANTIME, MISSION WOULD
APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED BY USUN OF DEVELOPMENTS
ON THIS MATTER AT NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS.

(ACCORDING LOCAL SOURCES, SYG HAS SET UP NY
"TAKSK FORCE" CHARGED WITH ADVISING HIM ON MEASURES
RELATING TO TRANSFORMATION OF UNIDO TO SA, INCLUDING
PREPARATION OF DRAFT STATUTES. UNIDO EXEC. DIRECTOR
HAS SET UP PARALLEL TASK FORCE UNDER CHAIARMANSHIP
OF HIS SENIOR ADVISER, AFIFI, TO RECOMMEND TO HIM
BY MAY 15 PROPOSED DRAFT STATUTES AND TRANSITION
MEASURES, WHICH AFTER CONSULTATION WITH SYG WOULD BE
INTRODUCED AT THIS SUMMER'S ECOSOC SESSION.) STIBRAVY

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